1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11.	Kerala	382	132	486	354	292	354
12.	Madhya Pradesh	598	46	356	403	399	198
13.	Maharashtra	467	81	452	349	518	133
14.	Manipur	803	142	55	596	376	28
15.	Meghalaya	796	64	140	331	566	103
16.	Mizoram	913	77	10	609	337	54
17.	Nagaland	736	232	32	389	552	59
18.	Orissa	532	53	415	362	472	166
19.	Punjab	536	136	328	465	421	114
20.	Rajasthan	763	55	182	480	412	108
21.	Sikkim	549	283	168	448	485	67
22.	Tamil Nadu	396	101	503	344	388	268
23.	Tripura	554	134	312	372	497	131
24.	Uttar Pradesh	722	52	226	566	315	119
25.	West Bengal	516	113	371	353	490	157
26.	A.&N. Islands	475	369	156	169	639	192
27.	Chandigarh	309	261	430	295	602	103
28.	D.&N. Haveli	223	131	546	340	502	158
29.	Delhi	384	288	328	441	415	144
30.	Daman and Diu	324	656	20	418	471	111
31.	Lakshadweep	270	537	193	407	465	128
32.	Pondicherry	326	202	472	281	432	287
	TOTAL	553	72	375	404	416	180

Creches in Tea Plantations

72. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of creches operatings in the Tea Plantations in major States since 1996;

(b) the total number of children admitted in these creches in each state;

(c) the total wages paid to the employees of creches in these States; and

(d) the total expenditure incurred to look after these children, excluding the wages of the employees working in them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modification of Industrial Disputes Act

73. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a major policy initiative, Government propose to modify the Industrial Disputes Act to allow sick factories to close without prior permission and at the same time substantially boost the compensation package to workers who lose their jobs; and

(b) if so, by when will this policy be notified?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Various amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act are proposed based on the requiremets of the Social Partners and in consonance with economic reforms. A cautious Policy is adopted to bring about any amendments in the Industrial Disputes Act after taking into consideration all the relevant factors.

Survey of Child Labour in the Country

74. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any effective steps to conduct survery with regard to child labour working in hazardous factories

and other private establisments in different parts of the country under the National agenda;

(b) if so, the full details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) Government commitment to addressing the problem of child labour is reflected in the announcement made in the National Agenda for Governance in 1998. The National Agenda does not make specific mention of survey for child labour working in hazardous factories and other private establishments in different parts of the country. However, Surery/identification and rehabilitaion of child labour is an ongoing process under the schems of National Child Labour Projects, which is currently under implementation in child labour endemic States.

Rural Agricultural Labourers in Gujarat

75. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present percentage of rural agricultural labourers to total rural populaiton in the State of Gujarat; and

(b) what welfare measures have been initiated or them by Central and State Governments with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) As per 1991 Census, percentage of rural agricultural labourer to total rural populaiton in the State of Gujrat is 11.21.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Employees Under ESI Scheme

76. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to strengthen the health cover to State and industrial employees under ESI scheme during the current year and the Ninth Plan providing for establishing super speciality hospitals;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan finalised, State-wise in general and for Maharashtra in particular;

(c) the details of the total employees covered under the scheme State-wise alongwith projection for Ninth Plan; and

(d) the details of funds provided for implementaion of the scheme during the current year and the Ninth Plan period with State-wise break up and expansion plan and plans for setting up new hospitals and dispensaries in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) The ESI Scheme is applicable to power-using factories employing 10 or more persons and non-power using factories/establishments employing 20 or more persons. The Scheme is being implemented area-wise in a phased manner. Implementation of the ESI Scheme is based upon its need in the new area. Therefore expansion of the ESI Scheme is not linked to Five-Year Plans. However, the ESI Corporation in consultation with State Governments has prepared a phased programme for implementaion of the scheme in new area for 1998-99 and 1999-2000 covering about 2.64 lakh additional employees. A Statement indicating total number of employees already covered under ESI Scheme (State-wise) in annexed. (*See* below) The estimated expenditure incurred on provision of ESI medical care including on implementation in new areas during 1997-98 was Rs. 480.47 crore.

There are several ESI Hospitals already providing super specialities services to the ESI boneficiaries in the different parts of the country. In addition the State Governments have already made tie-up arrangments to provide super speciality services to the ESI beneficiaries through reputed Government and Non-Government medical institutions. Recently an action Plan to strengthen the health cover under the ESI Scheme has been formulated and forwarded to the state Governments including the Government of Maharashtra for implementation in consultation with the ESI Corporation. The Action Plan includes inter-alia provision of modern equipement systems, establishment of regional trauma centres, establishment of super speciality services, blood banks, preventive oncollogy and Cancer treatment centres,